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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action issued on 24 January 2007, with claims 1- 26 pending in the application. Claims 19 and 23 have been objected to; claims 1-18 and 23-26 stand rejected; claims 19-22 are allowed.

Claims 1-4, 8-13, 15-19, and 23 have been amended. No new matter has been added by this response to the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all of the claims in light of the following.

#### **Claim Objections**

Claims 19 and 23 stand objected to because of claim informalities. Claims 19 and 23 have been amended to address the cited informalities.

#### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 1-18 and 23 - 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

Claims 1-4, 8-13, 15-18 have been amended to address the comments in the Office Action.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 19-22 are allowed. It was stated that claims 1-4, 8-18, and 23 along with their dependent claims would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2 set forth in the office action. This acknowledgement of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Reconsideration of claims 1-26 is respectfully requested.

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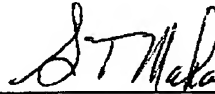
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### Conclusion

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims 1 - 26 are in condition for allowance, and therefore, the same should be allowed to proceed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the contents of the present response the Applicants' attorney may be contacted at the phone number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,



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